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ABSTRACT

Brief summaries are provided of 17 library projects being conducted in Illinois during 1974. These deal with the following matters: 1) the development of the Illinois State Library; 2) library manpower training; 3) library research; 4) the Illinois State Library Materials Processing Center; 5) the professional development of library personnel; 6) the demonstration of library services to groups without libraries; 7) the provision of services to groups lacking adequate libraries; 8) library resources, research, and references; 9) bibliographic control and access to resources; 10) public library system development; 11) a children's book review and examination center; 12) multimedia services; 13) library services to the institutionalized; 14) library services to the blind and the physically handicapped; 15) local public library services; 16) multitype library activities. Each summary provides a brief description of the project, including details about its goals and major activities, the agencies which support it, and the legislation which enables it. (PB)

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Project I

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

Fiscal Year 1974

The purpose of this project is to enable the State Library to continue its service in the area of library development within the state, to work toward further development in the field of multitype library cooperation, and to continue to improve its service to state government and the agencies of the state. Strengthening the State Library to accomplish these aims will consist of renewed efforts for the improvement of communications, publishing and statistical services, and recruitment of staff for important key positions. No LSCA funds will be expended in Fiscal Year 1974 for the salaries of persons employed directly by the State Library. This project is administered by the Illinois State Library.

Planning for the extension of library services on all levels will be an important part of the scope of this project, and federal funds will be used for administrative costs in connection with the development of the plan and the program for library development in the state. Such costs include planning with the Advisory Council for the program funded by the Library Services and Construction Act, the evaluation of this program, meetings and travel in connection with in-service training of staff, attendance at professional meetings, special institutes, workshops, seminars, and so on.

All Illinois public libraries and the eighteen library systems are direct or indirect recipients of library service under this project.

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Section 102 (a) (1) and (2) and (b) of P.L. 91-600, Sections 130.4 and 130.7 of the Rules and Regulations and the Criteria statement of the State-Federal Agreement, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The plan for strengthening and continuing the development of the Illinois State Library has been described in the Long-Range Program, pages 753 - 755, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Plan. This project is carried on under policies developed with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

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Project II

MANPOWER

Fiscal Year 1974

Recruitment of outstanding applicants to the scholarship program will continue to be an emphasis of this project. Special efforts will be made to recruit representatives of minority groups to the profession, as well as to recruit applicants who show high potential for work in areas where library service is inadequate, or where no library service is provided.

During the year, continued efforts will be made to publicize and urge the use of the report of the Task Analysis Project which will be published early in 1974 under the title Personnel Utilization in Libraries: A Systems Approach. Further investigation of the feasibility of fellowships, internships, and work-study programs will be carried on. A study will be conducted to evaluate the scholarship program under which 151 persons have received awards since 1961, to determine a basis for continuance or change in the program. This program is administered by the Library Development Group of the Illinois State Library in accordance with the policies established by the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

Under a contract with the American Library Association, the Minorities Manpower Project will continue in its aim of providing training in library science for members of minority groups in the Chicago area who have exhibited abilities in community leadership. Ten such students are currently enrolled at Rosary College for this training. An advisory group made up of representatives of minority groups, librarians, and library educators work

with the American Library Association and the Illinois State Library in the conduct of this project.

The plan to increase the manpower capability for improved library service and for optimum utilization of existing manpower is described in the Long-Range Program for Library Development on page 750, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Plan. This program is related to the national educational priority of career education, and is carried on under policies established with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) and (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.7 (f) of the Rules and Regulations and the Criteria statement of the State-Federal Agreement, Section I (2) d.

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Project III

LIBRARY RESEARCH

Fiscal Year 1974

Continuing research in library problems is a concern of all facets of library development in the state, at the local, system, and state level, and the aim of this project is to provide a means of making needed research available to the libraries of the state. A continuing program carried on under contract with the Library Research Center at the University of Illinois, Graduate School of Library Science, will, in this fiscal year, complete evaluations of various projects being carried on with LSCA Title I grants. These evaluations are: the Children's Book Review and Evaluation Centers and the Books by Mail Projects. In addition the Library Research Center will continue to supply an annual update of the Bibliography of Interlibrary Cooperation, as well as complete some ongoing studies, such as the Bibliography of Oral History and the study of the Library Technical Assistants programs in the state offered at community colleges. Proposals for additional research will be solicited from the Library Research Center and other research organizations. Staff of the Library Research Center will work with the eighteen library systems in the state in helping them develop a five-year planning and evaluation document. It is likely that at least two years will be required to accomplish this aim.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) 2 and 3 of the Rules and Regulations and Section I, Criteria of the State-Federal Agreement. The plans for research for the Illinois State Library

are described in the Long-Range Program pages 747 and 751 and in the corresponding sections of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Plan. This project is carried out under policies established with the help of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

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Project IV

ILLINOIS LIBRARY MATERIALS PROCESSING CENTER Fiscal Year 1974

This is a continuing project to provide partial support to the Illinois Library Materials Processing Center, a program aimed directly at improving library service where it is inadequate by providing uniform and professional cataloging, classification, ordering, and processing to books being acquired by public libraries in the state. The project is administered by contract with the board of directors of the processing center. The board consists of the directors of three public library systems (DuPage, North Suburban, and Northern Illinois), the director of the Illinois State Library, and a representative of the Advisory Subcommittee for Public Library Service and Construction.

The Illinois Library Materials Processing Center currently serves 21 libraries directly, 154 libraries and related units using it through four system administrations, 10 library systems for headquarters collections, and 2 institutional libraries. Approximately 175,000 books were handled through the center in FY 1973.

The aim of this project for this year is to increase production and reduce costs of the service to a break-even point, and to broaden the types of materials that can be handled to include nonbook formats.

This project is conducted under policies established with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (2) of P.L. 91-600 and

and Section 130.4 (b) (2) of the Rules and Regulations and Criteria Section 1 of the State-Federal Agreement.

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Project V

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Fiscal Year 1974

Related to the national goal of career education and aimed directly at improving the library skills of library system and member library staffs and improving the understanding of the duties and responsibilities of library boards, this project will continue to be an important ongoing activity in the state. Working with the Continuing Education Committee of the Illinois Library Association, the executive boards of the Public Library Section and the Illinois Public Library Directors Association, and planning an advisory committee board on continuing education for libraries, the Professional Development Consultant is involved in planning and in some cases, conducting workshops on all levels. Help in planning and developing workshops on the system level for the benefit of the member libraries, aid in planning the multisystem workshop for library trustees, and planning with the Public Library Section and the Trustees Section of the Illinois Library Association and the aiding in the presentation of PASS I (Program for the Achievement of State Standards), are examples of the kind of consultant service offered under this program. A proposal for a year-long series of workshops conducted monthly for system staff to aid them in the presentation of system-based continuing education is being developed.

This project is administered by the Library Development Group of the Illinois State Library and is conducted to benefit trustees, library system staffs, and member library staffs statewide. Examples of programs carried on which

have implications statewide are PASS I described earlier, the cosponsorship, with the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science of the Allerton Conference on CATV, and the proposed development of a series of filmstrips and cassettes to explain to library staffs and the public the concepts of interlibrary cooperation.

The project is carried on under policies established with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee. It is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) and (2) of P.L. 91-600, Sections 130.4 (b) (2) and (3) and 130.7 (f) of the Rules and Regulations and Criteria Section 1 (2) (d) of the State-Federal Agreement. It is discussed in the Long-Range Program for Library Development in Illinois in Illinois Libraries, November 1972, page 751 and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Plan.

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Project VI

PROJECT PLUS

Fiscal Year 1974

More than two million people in the state are without tax-supported public libraries. Project Plus (Promoting Larger Units of Service) encourages demonstration of good library service so that the residents of the project areas will form a tax-supported library to continue the services.

During the fiscal years 1972 and 1973 eleven projects were approved. Seven have resulted in new libraries and one has yet to vote. In addition four other libraries formed as a result of the encouragement generated by Project Plus.

Project Plus will be administered by the Library Development Group of the Illinois State Library by contract with the library system and the local library if an already existing library is involved in the project. The project has been developed with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Council.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) and (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) 2 (2) and (3) of the Rules and Regulations and Criteria, Section 1 of the State-Federal Agreement. Project Plus is completely described in the Long-Range Program on page 753, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Plan.

A copy of the guidelines for the development of a Project Plus proposal is attached.

# GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT PLUS

Project PLUS--Promoting larger units of service--is a project designed to encourage the organization of public library districts in the state to be carried on by library systems according to the following principles:

1. That the state will provide funds equal to income from 12 cents tax rate against the assessed valuation of any community involved that has no library service at present (not to exceed $5 per capita);
2. System will provide 50 cents per capita by the purchase of library materials equal to that amount of money and placing them on long-term loan in the newly formed library district;
3. In order for these funds to be granted, the communities involved must agree to a referendum to form a district library not later than the ninth month of the first year of the project;
4. Assuming a successful referendum, both the system and state grants would be available for the second year in an amount not to exceed the original grant to provide for continuation of the service until taxes are collected;
5. The minimum assessed valuation for an area considered under this project will be $45,000,000 and minimum population will be 10,000 people, or if based on a population density of 70 or less, a valuation of $22,500,000 and a population of 5,000;
6. An effort will be made to fund four or five projects the first year in different parts of the state;
7. Library districts formed as a result of Project Plus must agree to tax initially at either a minimum of .12% or at a rate which would yield a minimum of $5 per capita.

This does not eliminate communities with existing libraries from participating; however, the grants would be given only for a new area where tax-supported libraries do not exist. $500,000 will be set aside for this project.

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Project VII

UNSERVED

Fiscal Year 1974

Since approximately two million people in the state live outside areas which support libraries, and since thirty-three counties in the state have been designated as economically depressed counties, and since urban centers in the state have large numbers of their population unserved because of the cultural disadvantage of these residents, this project, to provide service to the residents of the above areas meets the priority set forth in the Declaration of Policy of the Library Services and Construction Act as amended.

Individual service projects under this program are carried out by contract with the Illinois State Library by local libraries and/or library systems. All service programs for the disadvantaged who live within the library service area are considered to be the responsibility of the library within that area, and LSCA funds are used to enable the local library to get a program started, which, upon completion of the project (not longer than two years), is to be integrated into the service program of the library. This project has been a priority of the Illinois State Library under the Library Services and Construction Act for five years, and seven projects have been completed and have become part of the regular service of the local library. Only one project, that in East St. Louis, is currently inoperation in project status.

Projects will continue to be encouraged under this program, not only in areas with library service, but in the economically and culturally disadvantaged areas not now served by public libraries.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (2) (B) (iii) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) (1) (2) and (3) of the Rules and Regulations and Criteria, Section 2, of the State-Federal Agreement. The project is provided for in the Long-Range Program, page 749, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Plan.

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Project VIII

Fiscal Year 1974

RESOURCES, RESEARCH, AND REFERENCE

The library program carried on under this project consists of two parts:

Part A:

This project is carried on by contract with the four Research and Reference Centers authorized in the Library Systems Act, Section 122 of Chapter 81, Illinois Revised Statutes. These Research and Reference Centers are: University of Illinois Library, Southern Illinois University Library at Carbondale, Chicago Public Library, and the Illinois State Library. The network for access to library materials in these collections through the library systems makes the resources of these libraries available through their local libraries to all the users of public libraries. Since January 1973, the users of the libraries of academic institutions are eligible for service through the network under the state's regional interlibrary loan code, and beginning November 1, 1973, the users of special libraries in the state will also have this availability of resources. This is a continuing project.

At stated times, twice a year, workshops are held with library system staff handling interlibrary loan and with the interlibrary loan staffs of the Research and Reference Centers to assure the fullest utilization of the service of the network.

The possibility of adding other special library collections to the Research and Reference Centers under this project will be explored during FY 1974.

Part B:

Strengthening the local library collections and the collections of the library systems in order that they may supply more frequently requested materials at their level of operation is the second part of this project. Dependent on the availability of funds and building on the success of the Library Resources Enrichment Project Program of FY 1972, additional grants will be made for acquisition of nonfiction materials at the system and local library level. This part of the program will be carried out by contract with the library systems.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) (2) and (3) of the Rules and Regulations and Section 1, Criteria of the State-Federal Agreement. The need for more library materials and greater access to existing library materials is set forth in the Long-Range Program, page 748, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project IX

BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES Fiscal Year 1974

The program will be carried on in two parts:

First, Part A, a task force has been appointed, and is working on the implementation of the recommendations of the study, The Analysis of Illinois State Library Requirements for the Creation of MARC and Related Machine Readable Files, completed by Becker & Hayes in 1973. Work on this part of the project will be carried on within the State Library, working with the Management Information Systems Division of the Secretary of State.

Part B will consist of exploring the use of the data base of the Ohio College Library Center by the four Research and Reference Centers of the state to provide cataloging information from the data base at OCLC. This part of the program will be administered by contract with OCLC and the four Research and Reference Centers.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) and (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) (2) and (3) of the Rules and Regulations and Section 1 of the Criteria of the State-Federal Agreement. The project is discussed in the Long-Range Program on page 747, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project X

Fiscal Year 1974

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

The development of library systems to enable them to continue their efforts to strengthen their services to local libraries, to promote interlibrary cooperation, and to provide continuing education for the library staffs of the library systems and the member libraries is the aim of this project.

Funds under this project will be used to supplement the equalization grant authorized under the Library Systems Act or to supplement the payments for service to the Research and Reference Centers, if these supplementary funds are necessary. A second part of the project will be the provision of funds for library systems to strengthen their staffs, in the area of reference service, or if that is adequate, in another area of service designated by the library system. These first two parts of the project are administered by the Illinois State Library. These projects provide library service, directly or indirectly, to all the people of the state.

The third part of the project, the second year of a pilot program of system-based interlibrary cooperation, will be administered by contract with the library system.

The entire program is authorized under Section 102 (*e*) (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) (1) and (2) of the Rules and Regulations and Section 1, Criteria of the State-Federal Agreement. Strengthening library systems is described in the Long-Range Program on page 748 of the November 1972 issue of Illinois Libraries and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project XI

Fiscal Year 1974

# CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW AND EXAMINATION CENTERS

This project is the second-year funding for a project which places all of the publications of more than seventy publishers of children's books in the library systems where they are on display and available for examination and review by the public library children's librarians of the system member libraries. Fourteen such centers are established in the state and not only librarians but parents, teachers, Head Start teachers, and others are encouraged to use the centers to look at the books and read the reviews collected with the books in order to aid in the selection of materials for children.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) of the Rules and Regulations and Section 1 Criteria, of the State-Federal Agreement. Improving the materials collections of libraries and library systems is discussed in the Long-Range Program, page 748 of Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project XII

MULTI-MEDIA SERVICES

Fiscal Year 1974

This project will be administered by the Illinois State Library by contract with a local library or a library system in accordance with the policies developed with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

Users who will be especially served by the use of multi-media in libraries will be such special groups as the urban and rural disadvantaged, users with difficulties with language, or those who are physically handicapped, and by the traditional library user who will find multi-media of benefit in his special interests such as improvement of his job skills or other special needs.

This project is authorized under Section 107 (a) (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) (2) and (3) of the Rules and Regulations, and Sections 1 and 2 of the Criteria statement of the State-Federal Agreement. Such library programs are discussed in the Long-Range Program, page 749, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project XIII

Fiscal Year 1974

# LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE INSTITUTIONALIZED

The Illinois State Library is cooperating with the state agencies responsible for institutions to provide library service to the more than 30,500 residents of state institutions. In cooperation with the library systems in which the institutions are located service models are being tested which will offer guidance and experience upon which to base requests for annual appropriations to continue the service. Drawing upon the resources of the library systems, both in materials and personnel, programs of public library service will be provided in each institution.

The program is administered by the Library Development Group of the Illinois State Library by contract with those state agencies responsible for institutions in the library systems. The policies for service to the residents of institutions have been developed with the advice of the Illinois Library Advisory Committee, and in consultation with the responsible officers of agencies having responsibility for institutions.

Library service to the institutionalized is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) and (2) (B) (i) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) (iii) of the Rules and Regulations and Criteria, Section 4 of the State-Federal Agreement. Plans for the next five years for library service to the institutionalized is presented on page 750 of the Long-Range Program, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project XIV

LIBRARY SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED Fiscal Year 1974

This project is administered by the Library Development Group of the Illinois State Library by contract with the Chicago Public Library, Department of Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, for service to the subregional system-based libraries for these patrons, and with the Johanna Bureau for the production of materials needed by blind and physically handicapped library users. Policies for the administration of this program have been formulated with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee. The number of library users who will benefit from this program is estimated to be a potential 111,000 residents of the state. The subregionalization of service to the physically handicapped has been implemented in 13 of the 17 library systems outside Chicago. Innovative methods of improving the service and making the public aware of the service that is offered are being developed.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) and 2 (2) B (ii) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.4 (b) (ii) of the Rules and REgulations and Section 3 of Criteria of the State-Federal Agreement. Programs for the blind and physically handicapped are set forth in the Long-Range Program, page 750, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project XV

Fiscal Year 1974

LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT STUDY AND DEMONSTRATION

The House of Representatives of the General Assembly has authorized a study to determine the best way to relieve the problems of local public library financing since the only method of support is based on the property tax. This study will be carried on in cooperation with the Subcommittee of the Revenue Committee of the House of Representatives charged with the responsibility for conducting this study. The project will be administered by the Illinois State Library.

A possible supplementary program under this project may be the demonstration of the recommendations of the study.

This project is authorized under Section 102 (a) (1) and (2) (A) Section 130.4 (b) (3) of the Rules and Regulations and Section 1 of the Criteria of the State-Federal Agreement. This program is discussed in the Long-Range Program, page 752, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Title III

Project I

Fiscal Year 1974

# MULTITYPE LIBRARY COOPERATION

Programs of multitype library cooperation are being promoted by the Illinois State Library for the development of cooperative activities between public, academic, school, and special libraries on the state, regional, and local level. The purpose of the cooperation will be to promote the maximum utilization of library resources found in the cooperating libraries. Examples of areas of cooperation to be investigated and tested are: identification of special collections, development of coordinated acquisition policies, identification of area resource strengths and weaknesses, exploration of methods of funding, and efficient means of transfer of information.

The program will be administered by the Library Development Group of the Illinois State Library with the advice of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

This project is authorized under Section 302 (a) (1) and (2) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.6 (a) and (b) of the Rules and Regulations, Criteria, Section 6 of the State-Federal Agreement as amended. Intertype library cooperation is fully discussed on pages 745 and 746 of the Long-Range Program, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.

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Project II

Fiscal Year 1974

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE PROMOTION OF MULTITYPE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

This project is designed to provide a means of education and communication about the concepts of multitype library cooperation for the use of the public, local library staffs, and library system staffs. Such means as a cassette-filmstrip presentation program in a series of five presentations each devoted to an increasingly more sophisticated concept of cooperation will be used to present the advantages of cooperation among libraries for the benefit of the library user.

This program will be administered by the Library Development Group of the Illinois State Library under the policies established with the help of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

The project will ultimately benefit all of the library users of the state. The project is authorized under Section 302 (a) (1) of P.L. 91-600, Section 130.6 (a) of the Rules and Regulations and Section 6 of the Criteria of the State-Federal Agreement. This program is discussed in the Long-Range Program, Illinois Libraries, November 1972, page 751, and in the corresponding section of the FY 1974 revision of the Long-Range Program.